

to say that I am appalled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an understatement. Not only am I appalled, but I'm angry and frustrated, so much so that I felt the need to write to the FCC and point out that Sinclair's actions are a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I trust that you will consider my frustration and anger, and the shared sentiments of millions of other Americans, as you consider Sinclair's actions and the public interest. Thank you.